

# The IBM Quantum Computing Challenge Lab 0 | Lab 1

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# What is the IBM Quantum Computing Challenge

“Welcome to the IBM Quantum Challenge, the annual code challenge focused on how to use Qiskit. Whether you’re a newcomer or a seasoned veteran, there is something here for you.

The Quantum Challenge consists of a series of Jupyter notebooks that contain tutorial material, code examples, and auto-graded coding challenges for you to fill in. We call each of these notebooks a ‘lab’.

# Lab 0: Overview

The workflow of Qiskit pattern: Set up, Optimize, Run, and Process your circuit.

Create a two-qubit Bell state and show that it is properly entangled by visualizing the operators.

# Step 1: Map our Circuits and Operators

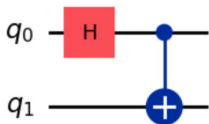
## Circuit

```
# Create a new circuit with two qubits
qc = QuantumCircuit(2)

# Add a Hadamard gate to qubit 0
qc.h(0)

# Perform a CNOT gate on qubit 1, controlled by qubit 0
qc.cx(0, 1)

# Return a drawing of the circuit using Matplotlib ("mpl"). This is the
# last line of the cell, so the drawing appears in the cell output.
qc.draw("mpl")
```



## Operators

```
# The ZZ applies a Z operator on qubit 0, and a Z operator on qubit 1
ZZ = SparsePauliOp('ZZ')

# The ZI applies a Z operator on qubit 0, and an Identity operator on qubit 1
ZI = SparsePauliOp('ZI')

# The IX applies an Identity operator on qubit 0, and an X operator on qubit 1
IX = SparsePauliOp('IX')

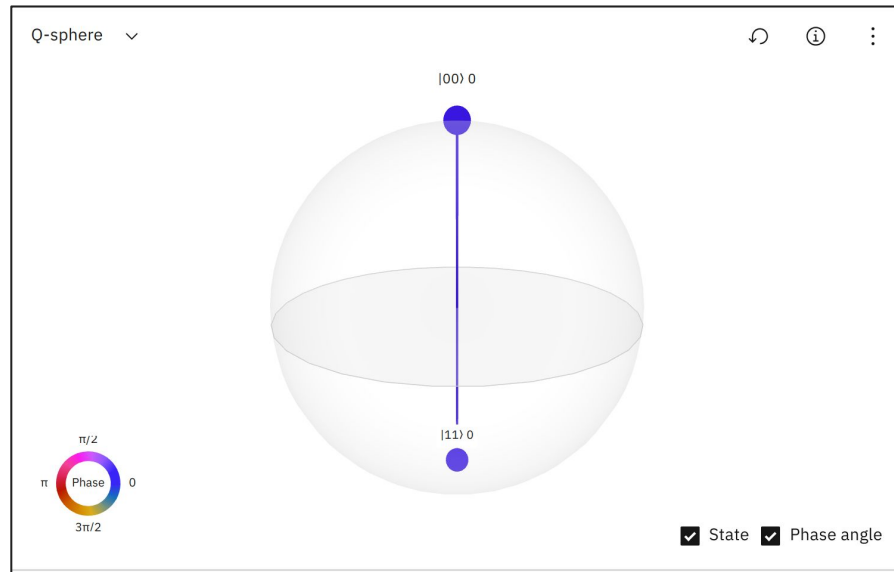
### Write your code below here ###

IZ = SparsePauliOp('IZ')
XX = SparsePauliOp('XX')
XI = SparsePauliOp('XI')
### Follow the same naming convention we used above

## Don't change any code past this line, but remember to run the cell.

observables = [IZ, IX, ZI, XI, ZZ, XX]
```

# Bell State



## Step 2: Optimize

Optimization is done using transpilers.

They are able to reduce the number of gates required, and ensure the structure of gates will work on the machine being used.

## Step 3: Execute

Estimator: A function (primitives) that estimates the output of a quantum circuit

Aer Simulator: A fake quantum computer backend

qc: Our quantum circuit

observables: Our operations to run on the circuit

```
[24] # Set up the Estimator
      estimator = Estimator(backend=AerSimulator())

      # Submit the circuit to Estimator
      pub = (qc, observables)

      job = estimator.run(pubs=[pub])
```

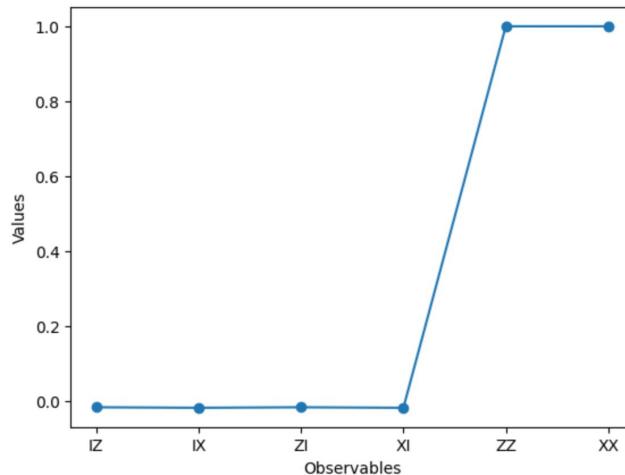
## Step 4: Post Process the results

```
# Collect the data
data = ['IZ', 'IX', 'ZI', 'XI', 'ZZ', 'XX']
values = job.result()[0].data.evs

# Set up our graph
container = plt.plot(data, values, '-o')

# Label each axis
plt.xlabel('Observables')
plt.ylabel('Values')

# Draw the final graph
plt.show()
```





# Lab 1: Overview

Qiskit states, the new and the old

VQE with Qiskit 1.0

# Step 1: Create and Draw a singlet Bell state Circuit

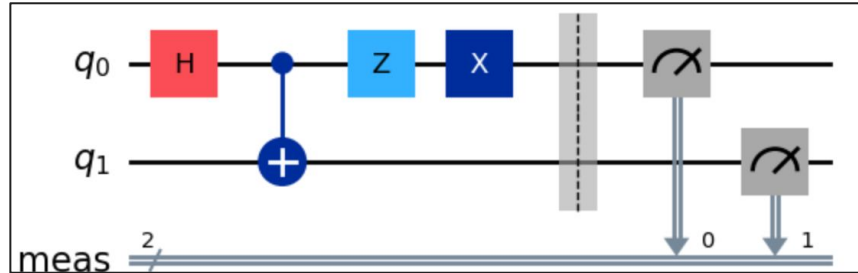
```
# Build a circuit to form a psi-minus Bell state
# Apply gates to the provided QuantumCircuit, qc

qc = QuantumCircuit(2)

### Write your code below here ###

qc.h(0)
qc.cx(0,1)
qc.z(0)
qc.x(0)

### Don't change any code past this line ###
qc.measure_all()
qc.draw('mpl')
```



## Step 2: Run it with Sampler

```
qc.measure_all()

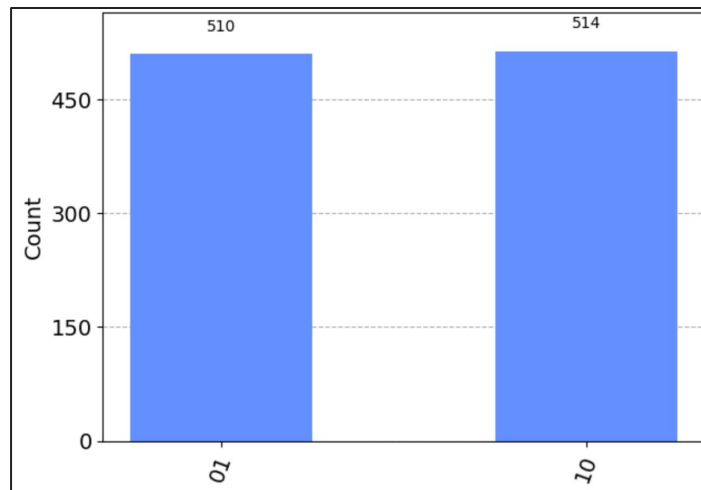
### Write your code below here ###

sampler = StatevectorSampler()
pub = (qc)
job_sampler = sampler.run([pub])

### Don't change any code past this line ###

result_sampler = job_sampler.result()
counts_sampler = result_sampler[0].data.meas.get_counts()

print(counts_sampler)
```



## Step 3: Create and draw a W-state circuit

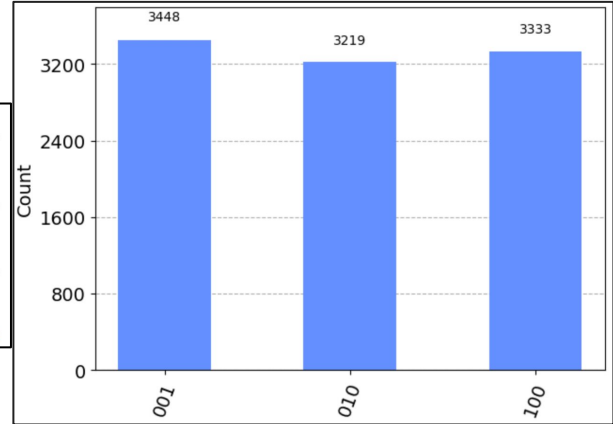
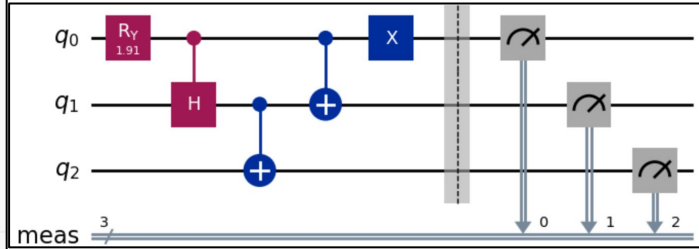
```
# Step 1
qc = QuantumCircuit(3)

# Step 2 (provided)
qc.ry(1.91063324, 0)

# Add steps 3-6 below

qc.ch(0,1)
qc.cx(1,2)
qc.cx(0,1)
qc.x(0)

### Don't change any code past this line ###
qc.measure_all()
qc.draw('mpl')
```



# Dive into VQE

VQE: Variational Quantum Eigensolver.

Executing a VQE algorithm requires these three steps:

1. Setting up the Hamiltonian and ansatz (problem specification)
2. Implementing the Qiskit Runtime estimator
3. Adding the Classical optimizer and running our program

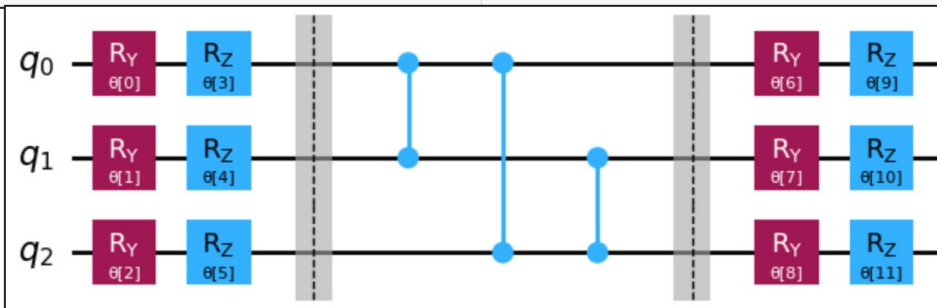
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Variational\\_quantum\\_eigensolver](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Variational_quantum_eigensolver)

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# Step 1: Create a parameterized circuit to serve as the ansatz

```
num_qubits = 3
rotation_blocks = ['ry','rz']
entanglement_blocks = 'cz'
entanglement = 'full'
reps = 1
insert_barriers=True
ansatz = TwoLocal(3,rotation_blocks=rotation_blocks, entanglement_blocks=entanglement_blocks,entanglement=entanglement,reps=reps,insert_barriers=insert_barriers)

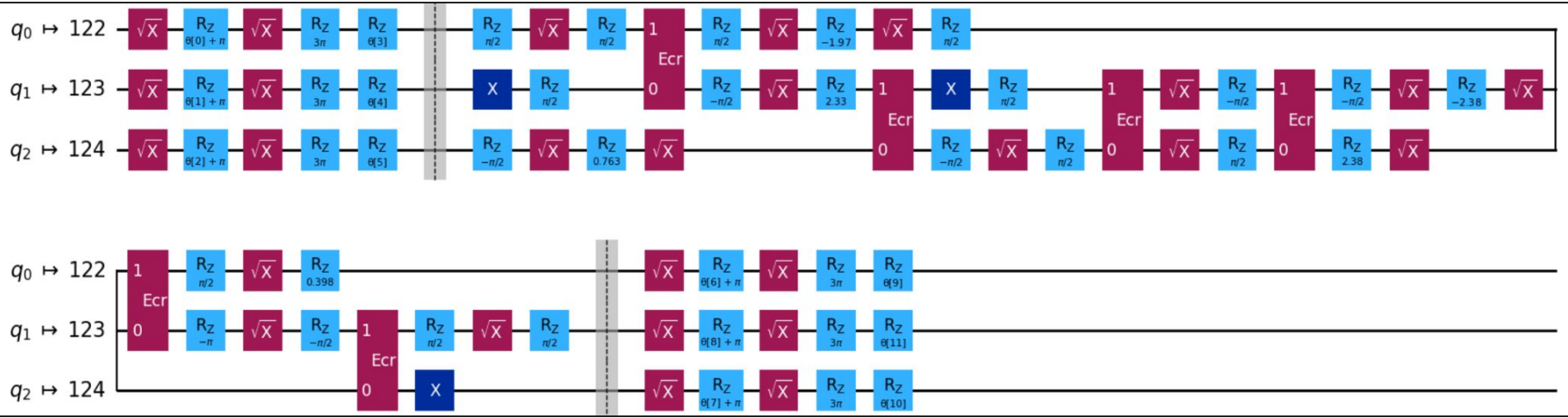
### Don't change any code past this line ###
ansatz.decompose().draw('mpl')
```



## Step 2: Transpile to ISA circuits

Instruction Set Architecture (ISA): The set of instructions the device can understand and execute.

```
backend_answer = FakeSherbrooke()  
optimization_level_answer = 3  
pm = generate_preset_pass_manager(backend=backend_answer, optimization_level=optimization_level_answer)  
isa_circuit = pm.run(ansatz)
```





## Step 3: Define a cost function

```
def cost_func(params, ansatz, hamiltonian, estimator, callback_dict):
    """Return estimate of energy from estimator

    Parameters:
        params (ndarray): Array of ansatz parameters
        ansatz (QuantumCircuit): Parameterized ansatz circuit
        hamiltonian (SparsePauliOp): Operator representation of Hamiltonian
        estimator (EstimatorV2): Estimator primitive instance

    Returns:
        float: Energy estimate
    """
    pub = (ansatz)
    result = estimator.run([(pub, hamiltonian, [params])]).result()
    energy = result[0].data.evs[0]

    callback_dict["iters"] += 1
    callback_dict["prev_vector"] = params
    callback_dict["cost_history"].append(energy)

    ### Don't change any code past this line ###
    print(energy)
    return energy, result
```

## Step 4: Run it

```
] ### Select a Backend
## Use FakeSherbrooke to simulate with noise that matches closer to the real experiment. This will run slower.
## Use AerSimulator to simulate without noise to quickly iterate. This will run faster.

# backend = FakeSherbrooke()
backend = AerSimulator()

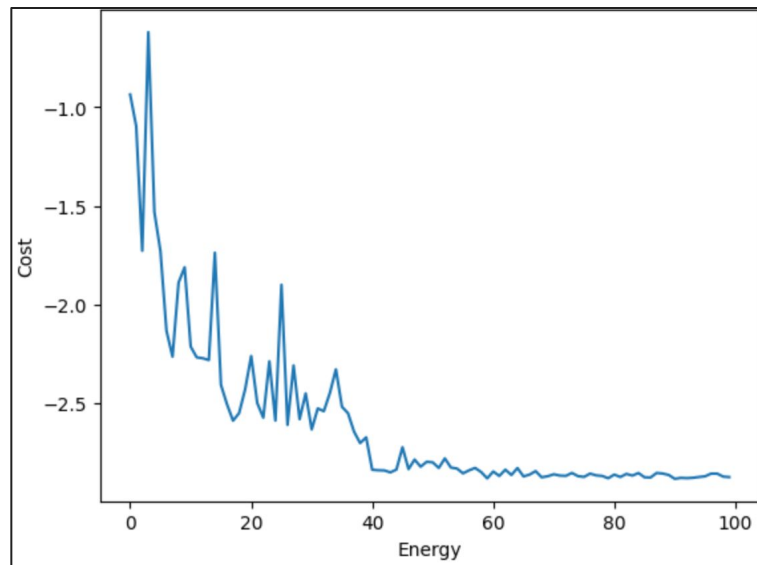
# ### Don't change any code past this line ###

# Here we have updated the cost function to return only the energy to be compatible with recent scipy versions (>=1.10)
def cost_func_2(*args, **kwargs):
    energy, result = cost_func(*args, **kwargs)
    return energy

with Session(backend=backend) as session:
    estimator = Estimator(session=session)

    res = minimize(
        cost_func_2,
        x0,
        args=(isa_circuit, hamiltonian_isa, estimator, callback_dict),
        method="cobyla",
        options={'maxiter': 100})
```

# Data





Thank you!